



Transmission Business Line (TBL)

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Intertie Long-Term Queue Management, Version 1

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Submit comments by email to: <mailto:businesspractices@bpa.gov>. This draft business practice will also be presented for discussion at the Business Practice Technical Forum on March 18, 2004. <http://www2.transmission.bpa.gov/newsev/view.cfm?ID=173&type=event>.

This document provides information about changes to how TBL manages its Intertie long-term transmission request queue. TBL provides transmission service in response to requests whenever possible. However, circumstances do not always allow offers of the requested transmission service. Therefore, TBL is adopting queue management process consistent with the OATT that reflect these circumstances. Previously, transmission service requests were allowed to remain in the long-term transmission request queue for extended periods of time even after TBL made a determination that no ATC was available. That practice is being discontinued.

Note that this business practice is not intended to be a complete description of TBL's queue management practices, but instead to provide information about specific changes in TBL's practices associated with the intertie long-term transmission queue.

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1. Transmission Request Evaluation Outcomes

TBL evaluates each request received for long-term transmission service on its interties. The following outcomes are possible:

- A. ATC is available to accept the request and TBL will offer the service.
- B. ATC is available to grant a portion of the request (see TBL's Partial Long-Term Firm Service Business Practice), in which case TBL will
 - 1. make a counteroffer of partial service, and
 - 2. provide a response to the remaining requested service that cannot be offered due to lack of ATC (or the service offered is not accepted by the customer) as per either 3) or 4) below.
- 3. TBL requires a study to determine whether/how the ATC could be provided and studies and upgrades or additions can be completed in time to provide at least one year of the requested transmission service to meet all or a portion of the request through upgrades, additions, or other means.
- 4. TBL cannot complete the necessary studies and/or construction upgrade(s) in time to provide at least one year of the requested transmission service so TBL will refuse the request.

2. TBL Determines that Transmission Studies and Upgrades Could be Completed in Time to Offer Service

When, upon evaluation of a request, TBL determines that:

- A. TBL has insufficient ATC to provide the requested service, and
- B. Transmission studies and upgrades could be completed in time to offer the customer at least one year of the requested transmission service,

TBL will send the customer the appropriate document requiring a financial commitment from the customer to move forward in efforts to provide the ATC needed to offer the requested service. That document may be a System Impact Study (SIS) Agreement, a System Facilities Study (SFS) Agreement, an Environmental Impact Study (EIS) Agreement, a Transmission Construction Agreement, or other Financial Agreement. The document offered will be for the appropriate next steps TBL has determined necessary to move forward in its efforts to provide the ATC.

If the customer does not sign and fund the above offered agreement(s) that TBL provides within the timeframe specified in that offer (as consistent with the OATT and TBL's business practices), the request will be Declined. No further effort will be made to provide the ATC that would be needed to allow TBL to provide the service.

3. TBL Cannot Complete the Necessary Studies and/or Upgrade in Time to Provide the Requested Service

When, upon evaluation of a request, TBL determines that:

- A. ATC is insufficient to provide the requested service, and
- B. Transmission studies and upgrades cannot be completed in time to meet at least one year of the transmission service request,

TBL will send the requesting customer a letter stating that ATC is not available to provide the requested transmission service and that the studies and/or construction upgrade needed to create the ATC could not be completed in time to provide at least one year of the requested service. The letter will include a brief explanation as to why the work cannot be completed in time to provide the service. The letter will further state that BPA is refusing the request. The request will not remain in the long-term transmission queue.

4. Note Regarding Service Request Duration and Timing:

If TBL determines that it cannot complete the necessary studies and upgrades in time to offer at least one year of service in responses to a customer's transmission request, the customer may wish to submit a new request of longer duration and/or a request which has a later end date that would more likely allow TBL to create ATC on the path for at least one year of the service period. If the customer desires to change the duration and timing of their original transmission service request, the customer must submit a new transmission service request.

Revision History:

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2/27/04	Draft of external Intertie queue management business practice to reflect refusal of requests when studies/construction cannot be completed in time to offer at least 1 year of service.